

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Happy Valley

Happy Valley is an unincorporated CDP located on the west coast of the Kenai Peninsula on the Sterling Highway, about 20 miles northwest of Homer. Happy Valley is part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 513, a gain of about 24 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 41 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 16 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Construction Laborers than any other occupation.

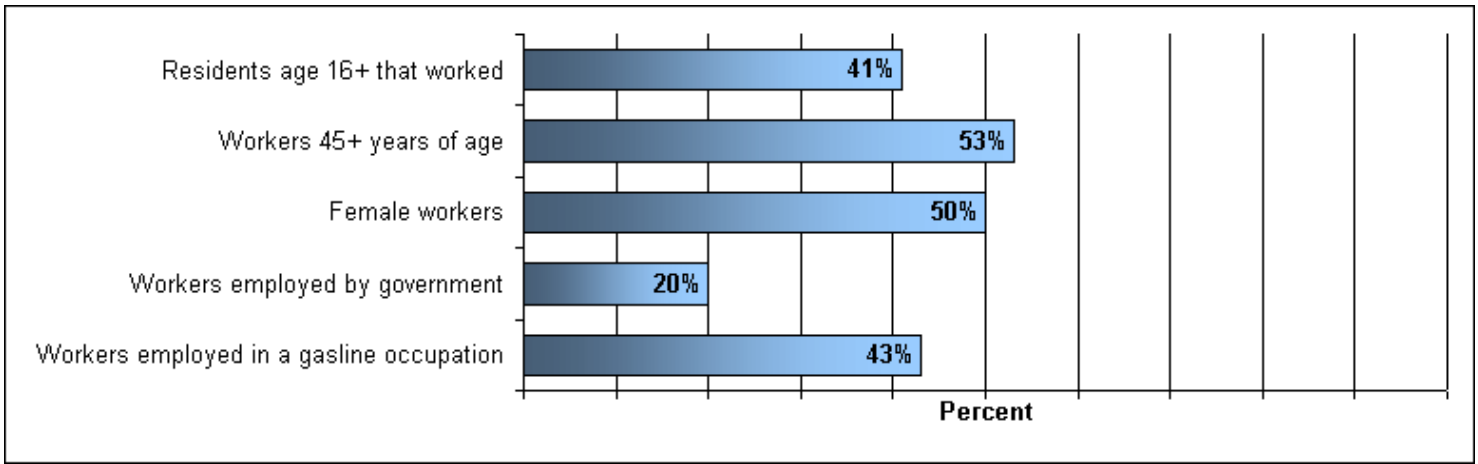
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

#### Happy Valley Resident Snapshot (2008)

| Working Age Residents           |     | Wages   |             |
|---------------------------------|-----|---|-------------|
| Residents age 16+               | 453 | Total wages   | \$5,956,921 |
| Resident Worker Characteristics |     | Resident Workers by Sector                          |             |
| Total                           | 187 | Private   | 149         |
| Male                            | 93  | State government                                    | 9           |
| Female                          | 94  | Local government                                    | 29          |
| Age 45+                         | 99  | Quarterly Number of Resident Workers                |             |
| Age 50+                         | 77  | Peak (2nd) quarter workers                          | 164         |
|                                 |     | Percent working all 4 quarters                      | 54.0%       |
| Unemployment                    |     | Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008) |             |
| UI Claimants                    | 53  | Some construction                                   | 66          |
|                                 |     | At least 1 year construction                        | 38          |
| New Hires                       |     | At least 2 years construction                       | 26          |
| New hires                       | 80  | Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation                 | 156         |

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## 2008 Residents

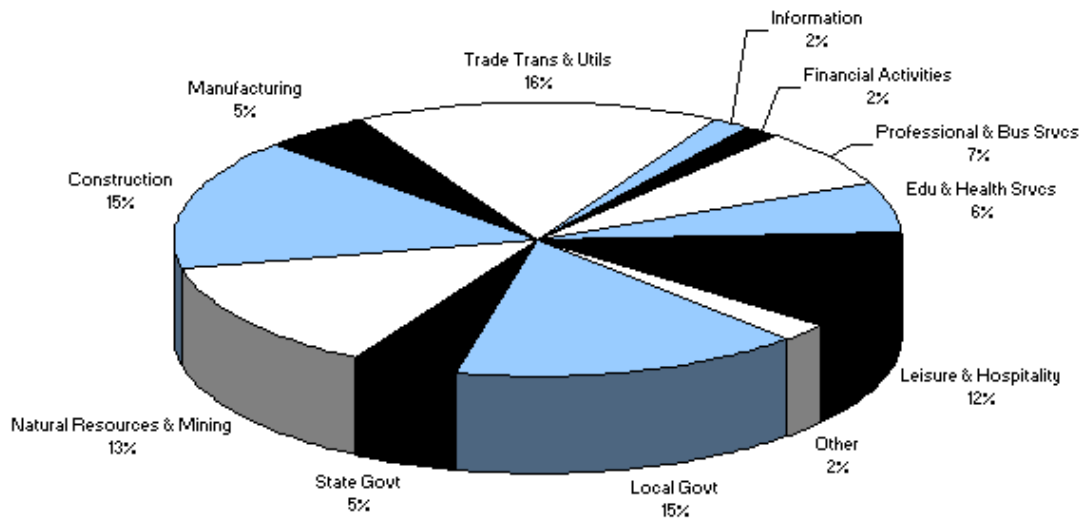


## Top Occupations

|   | Number employed | Percent female | Age 45+ | Age 50+ |
|---|-----------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Construction Laborers <b>AGIA</b> <b>HOT JOB</b>  | 11              | 27.3%          | 5       | 5       |
| Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators <b>AGIA</b> <b>HOT JOB</b> | 8               | 12.5%          | 5       | 4       |
| Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer <b>AGIA</b> <b>HOT JOB</b>                       | 6               | 16.7%          | 4       | 4       |
| Registered Nurses <b>HOT JOB</b>  | 5               | 100.0%         | 5       | 4       |
| Office Clerks, General <b>AGIA</b>  | 5               | 100.0%         | 4       | 4       |
| Bus Drivers, School   | 5               | 80.0%          | 5       | 2       |
| Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers  | 5               | 80.0%          | 0       | 0       |
| Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers  | 5               | 20.0%          | 2       | 2       |

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## Resident Workers by Industry



### Workers by Industry

|                                     | Number<br>employed | Percent female | Age 45+ | Age 50+ |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Natural Resources and Mining        | 25                 | 20.0%          | 12      | 7       |
| Construction                        | 29                 | 17.2%          | 17      | 15      |
| Manufacturing                       | 9                  | 22.2%          | 4       | 4       |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 30                 | 63.3%          | 18      | 13      |
| Information                         | *                  | *              | *       | *       |
| Financial Activities                | *                  | *              | *       | *       |
| Professional and Business Services  | 13                 | 53.8%          | 4       | 4       |
| Educational and Health Services     | 11                 | 90.9%          | 4       | 4       |
| Leisure and Hospitality             | 22                 | 50.0%          | 5       | 4       |
| State Government                    | 9                  | 66.7%          | 6       | 5       |
| Local Government                    | 29                 | 72.4%          | 22      | 16      |
| Other                               | *                  | *              | *       | *       |
| Unknown                             | 0                  | 0.0%           | 0       | 0       |

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### Recent Unemployment Statistics

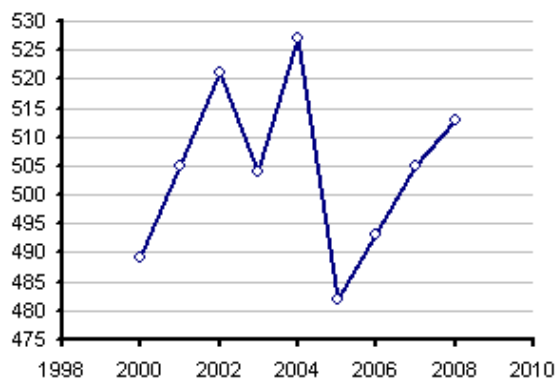
|                | 09/2009 | 10/2009 | 11/2009 | 12/2009 |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| UI Claimants** | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |

\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| South Peninsula Hospital Inc   |
| ASRC Energy Services O&M Inc   |
| State of AK (excludes U of A)  |
| Kenai Peninsula Borough School |
| Laidlaw Transit Inc            |
| Gardens By Design              |
| Ninilchik Traditional Council  |
| Colaska Inc                    |
| SPBHS Inc                      |
| BP Exploration Alaska Inc      |
| Ninilchik Grocery LLC          |
| Nabors AK Drilling Inc         |
| Deep Creek Custom Packing Inc  |
| Alaskan Fishing Adventures LLC |
| Dibble Creek Rock Ltd          |
| Homer Electric Assn Inc        |
| Chinook Tesoro                 |

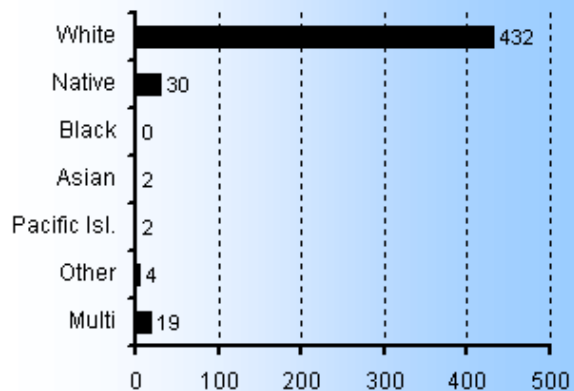
**Population over Time**



**2000 Census**

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Median Age              | 42       |
| Average Family Size     | 2.9      |
| Average Household Size  | 2.5      |
| Per Capita Income       | \$19,377 |
| Median Family Income    | \$40,156 |
| Median Household Income | \$30,139 |

**Population by Race**



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)